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(*b*) whether this instance was taken to the notice of the District Magistrate and the District Superintendent of Police soon after it occurred and whether they were satisfied that it was a case of unwarranted use of force and of excessive force; and

(*c*) whether any disciplinary action has been taken against or punishment awarded to the Sub-Inspector concerned; if not, why not?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government understand that the hon. Member made the allegation informally to the District Magistrate and the District Superintendent of Police. The picketer Ayyaswami may have been beaten in the course of the dispersal of one of the unlawful assemblies of picketers which had to be dispersed forcibly in Madura early in January, but no complaint was made by him of the use of excessive force. In the absence of any attempt to substantiate the allegations, the District Magistrate took no further proceedings.

G. T. H. Bracken,
Chief Secretary.

Appendix XXIV.

[Vide item X—Papers laid on the Table of the House—page 101 supra.]

Public (General) Department.

U.O. Note No. 8835-2, dated the 31st May 1932.

With reference to the answer given to question No. 1074 in the Legislative Council on the 21st March 1932, the following further information is placed on the table of the House:—

Mikilineni Ramakotayya was concerned in the harbouring of volunteers from the Komaravolu Sibiram. He was sent for on 16th January 1932, whereupon a large crowd came towards the Police in a threatening attitude. They were therefore declared an unlawful assembly and were ordered to disperse. As they refused to do so, they were dispersed by force; Ramakotayya was in the crowd and received some lathi blows during the dispersal. He was not beaten for hoisting a national flag or for showing hospitality to congress people.

G. T. H. Bracken,
Chief Secretary.